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CHILD FOUND AFTER AMBER ALERT ISSUED

A 6-month old child was safe early this morning after Milwaukee Police issued an Amber Alert that led to the child's return.

Police received information that indicated the child was in the company of a 22-year-old woman and was in danger. Milwaukee Police made an application to the Department of Criminal Investigation for an Amber Alert, which was approved and was issued at 2:49 a.m. February 6, 2006.

A preliminary investigation revealed that the 22-year-old woman who had the child with her called police when she saw the Amber Alert on television. The woman agreed to meet Milwaukee Police and turned over the child. The Amber Alert was cancelled at 3:51 a.m.

The woman was taken into custody. The child was treated at a local hospital and was placed by the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare.

Once the Amber Alert was issued to television and radio stations all across the area, Milwaukee Police began receiving calls from citizens who spotted the woman and the child.

"The Amber Alert system is a great tool for law enforcement and certainly helped us find this child so there could be a positive resolution to this case," said Milwaukee Police Chief Nannette Hegerty. "When anyone is missing and is believed to be in danger, the Amber Alert gives us multiple eyes and ears to look for them and to find them as soon as possible."

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